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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
AND MEAT PRODUCTION  
FEBRUARY 1963

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS  
March 29, 1963

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION 5 PERCENT MORE THAN A YEAR EARLIER

Commercial production of red meat during February in the 48 conterminous States was 2,218 million pounds--5 percent more than a year earlier, but 13 percent less than a month earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other commercial slaughter plants, but excludes farm slaughter.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY RED MEAT OUTPUT UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 4,777 million pounds of red meat produced during the first two months of 1963--4 percent more than during the corresponding period of 1962. Of the January-February volume, 2,516 million pounds were beef, up 3 percent from a year earlier; 144 million were veal, down 4 percent; 1,985 million were pork, up 6 percent; and 132 million were mutton and lamb, down 8 percent. Lard production for January -February was 399 million pounds, 1 percent more than the same period a year earlier.

During the two month period, the number of cattle slaughtered was 2 percent more than the comparable period of 1962; calves down 4 percent; hogs up 5 percent; and sheep and lambs down 9 percent.

BEEF PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Beef production during February was 1,170 million pounds--5 percent above February 1962 but 13 percent below January 1963. The number of cattle slaughtered during February was 1,977,700 head, 4 percent more than a year earlier, but 14 percent less than a month earlier. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered in February was 1,032 pounds per head, 9 pounds heavier than February 1962 and 1 pound heavier than January 1963.

VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

There were 66 million pounds of veal produced during February--3 percent below a year earlier and 15 percent below a month earlier. The 539,900 head of calves slaughtered during February was 2 percent below February 1962 and 14 percent below January 1963. Calves slaughtered during February averaged 215 pounds per head live weight, 6 pounds lighter than both a year earlier and a month earlier.

PRODUCTION OF PORK 7 PERCENT ABOVE FEBRUARY 1962

Pork production during February was 923 million pounds--7 percent more than February 1962 but 13 percent less than January 1963. The hog kill for February was 6,604,000 head, 6 percent above a year earlier but 11 percent below a month earlier. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during the month was 234 pounds per head--2 pounds lighter than last year and 6 pounds lighter than last month. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight of hogs was 11.8 pounds this February, 12.7 pounds in February 1962, and 12.2 pounds in January 1963.

MUTTON AND LAMB OUTPUT DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 59 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced during February--11 percent less than a year earlier and 19 percent less than a month earlier. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month was 1,171,000 head, 12 percent below February 1962 and 20 percent below January 1963. Sheep and lambs slaughtered during February averaged 103 pounds per head live weight, 1 pound more than a year earlier, and 2 pounds more than a month earlier.

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	25.5	26.6	2,356	2,558	52.0	54.6	4,807	5,285
N.Y.....	71.5	75.5	7,936	7,248	149.0	156.5	15,221	15,510
N.J.....	23.2	22.8	5,104	4,241	47.0	51.3	10,554	9,941
PA.....	53.5	53.0	6,634	6,572	114.5	111.5	14,137	13,943
OHIO.....	10.0	10.6	1,860	1,972	21.7	21.3	4,048	4,037
IND.....	7.7	8.3	1,625	1,784	18.0	17.7	3,973	3,974
ILL.....	23.1	24.8	3,719	3,646	53.1	54.8	8,459	8,266
MICH.....	27.5	27.0	4,208	4,563	59.0	57.0	9,280	9,693
WIS.....	79.0	73.5	9,480	8,894	180.0	164.5	21,499	19,632
MINN.....	15.6	19.0	3,089	3,382	39.1	39.2	7,671	6,877
IOWA.....	32.5	33.5	6,175	6,030	74.0	75.5	14,267	13,380
MO.....	4.0	3.5	1,056	924	9.6	8.4	2,646	2,272
N.DAK.....	.1	--	38	--	.1	--	38	--
S.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NEBR.....	.7	.7	307	295	1.6	1.3	677	547
KANS.....	5.2	4.1	2,319	1,911	11.3	9.2	5,015	4,247
DEL.-MD....	4.7	4.1	713	622	10.0	9.0	1,482	1,382
VA.....	12.7	13.3	3,315	3,511	29.0	28.3	7,732	7,531
W.VA.....	.8	.9	150	166	1.8	1.8	327	318
N.C.....	1.6	1.3	322	277	3.4	3.0	711	661
S.C.....	5.9	6.2	1,900	2,089	13.0	13.9	4,208	4,830
GA.....	4.3	6.7	2,047	3,116	11.1	14.6	5,059	6,868
FLA.....	12.1	10.3	3,557	3,224	31.6	21.9	9,134	6,588
KY.....	1.9	1.9	433	410	4.4	4.2	988	955
TENN.....	11.5	9.6	2,656	2,266	26.9	20.6	6,537	4,873
ALA.....	1.9	2.3	901	1,134	4.3	5.3	2,019	2,601
MISS.....	5.1	5.4	2,407	2,597	12.6	12.5	5,902	6,069
ARK.....	1.5	1.2	681	540	3.3	2.7	1,441	1,220
LA.....	15.5	14.1	7,518	6,571	31.1	31.2	14,023	14,505
OKLA.....	3.8	3.8	1,930	1,987	8.1	7.8	4,097	4,043
TEXAS.....	51.5	46.0	28,788	25,944	112.5	103.5	61,850	58,202
MONT.....	.2	.1	68	33	.4	.2	135	65
IDAHO.....	.4	.3	101	75	.9	.7	203	181
WYO.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
COLO.....	.6	.4	247	185	1.2	.8	486	343
N.MEX.....	.2	.1	87	47	.3	.2	133	92
ARIZ.....	1.0	.7	472	321	2.2	1.6	1,042	736
UTAH.....	.7	.6	230	215	1.6	1.3	549	468
NEV.....	.1	.1	48	41	.3	.2	132	83
WASH.....	1.3	1.3	384	384	3.5	2.9	1,011	837
OREG.....	1.6	1.5	485	468	3.9	3.4	1,159	1,059
CALIF.....	31.5	24.8	6,552	5,605	69.5	54.3	14,760	12,537
48 STS.....	551.5		121,898		1,216.9		267,412	
		539.9		115,848		1,168.7		254,651

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	46.0	50.1	10,868	11,688	100.1	106.7	23,764	25,150
N.Y.....	136.0	113.0	30,192	23,843	293.0	236.0	63,476	49,919
N.J.....	115.0	118.0	23,345	24,780	256.0	243.0	50,981	51,030
PA.....	235.0	261.0	52,170	57,420	508.0	546.0	112,503	121,260
OHIO.....	308.0	374.0	69,608	82,654	630.0	771.0	143,668	170,788
IND.....	379.0	371.0	93,992	88,669	771.0	772.0	191,992	188,117
ILL.....	406.0	517.0	101,906	127,182	838.0	1,064.0	217,250	267,761
MICH.....	138.0	156.0	30,636	34,632	286.0	330.0	63,492	74,130
WIS.....	270.0	267.0	62,370	61,677	578.0	565.0	134,442	133,197
MINN.....	440.0	466.0	104,720	112,772	966.0	969.0	230,434	237,516
IOWA.....	1,131.0	1,230.0	275,964	297,660	2,507.0	2,675.0	615,836	660,355
MO.....	305.0	301.0	74,725	74,949	636.0	633.0	157,475	159,941
N.DAK.....	1.2	1.2	259	264	2.8	2.7	606	585
S.DAK.....	173.0	197.0	42,904	49,250	400.0	428.0	101,697	108,155
NEBR.....	333.0	342.0	82,251	85,158	734.0	736.0	183,303	185,628
KANS.....	211.0	226.0	51,062	54,918	459.0	483.0	111,326	119,168
DEL.-MD....	66.3	47.0	14,779	9,840	138.6	100.2	30,617	21,084
VA.....	177.0	184.0	38,940	39,560	370.0	385.0	81,786	83,780
W.VA.....	12.0	10.0	2,724	2,410	27.0	20.8	6,189	5,024
N.C.....	101.0	110.0	22,826	24,640	208.0	221.0	46,687	49,837
S.C.....	34.5	36.0	7,624	7,524	75.5	79.5	16,685	17,355
GA.....	158.0	150.0	33,338	30,750	322.0	329.0	67,942	68,519
FLA.....	50.5	49.0	10,656	9,702	108.0	109.0	22,788	20,802
KY.....	118.0	122.0	27,258	27,328	245.0	255.0	56,595	57,519
TENN.....	191.0	195.0	43,739	44,460	399.0	395.0	91,579	91,260
ALA.....	56.5	69.5	12,374	15,220	118.0	148.0	25,966	33,589
MISS.....	58.5	62.5	12,870	13,750	124.5	134.0	27,588	29,552
ARK.....	24.1	24.6	5,664	5,609	53.1	52.6	12,305	12,105
LA.....	17.2	16.4	3,526	3,346	37.1	36.0	7,864	7,501
OKLA.....	49.5	45.5	12,375	11,330	107.5	100.5	27,339	25,355
TEXAS.....	137.0	146.0	31,647	34,018	309.0	321.0	71,379	74,968
MONT.....	19.9	24.2	4,617	5,421	44.6	51.2	10,397	11,442
IDAHO.....	10.4	11.9	2,257	2,523	22.4	24.4	4,921	5,223
WYO.....	2.4	3.0	554	666	5.5	5.9	1,242	1,327
COLO.....	49.5	52.5	11,534	11,970	105.0	117.0	24,521	26,998
N.MEX.....	7.6	8.1	1,740	1,839	16.0	17.5	3,689	3,973
ARIZ.....	10.6	11.0	2,427	2,541	23.7	23.6	5,427	5,439
UTAH.....	19.0	21.1	4,275	4,705	44.0	48.1	9,900	10,834
NEV.....	.2	.4	46	91	.6	.8	133	184
WASH.....	63.5	56.0	14,224	12,432	134.5	127.0	30,057	28,407
OREG.....	31.5	32.0	7,119	7,072	69.5	71.0	15,707	15,886
CALIF.....	148.0	126.0	34,632	30,744	324.0	276.0	76,520	64,944
48 STS....	6,240.9		1,470,737		13,397.0		3,178,068	
		6,604.0		1,547,007		14,009.5		3,325,607

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	FEBRUARY				JANUARY-FEBRUARY			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	.6	.7	54	62	1.3	1.5	118	136
N.Y.....	56.0	47.5	5,040	4,322	124.0	105.0	11,228	9,267
N.J.....	90.5	84.0	9,140	8,568	200.5	183.0	20,030	18,666
PA.....	28.5	24.0	2,764	2,328	64.0	54.0	6,136	5,148
OHIO.....	12.4	10.5	1,128	934	30.3	22.5	2,721	2,026
IND.....	12.2	9.1	1,232	928	25.7	20.7	2,542	2,123
ILL.....	46.0	62.0	4,462	6,324	94.5	143.5	9,070	14,230
MICH.....	62.5	54.5	6,438	5,614	126.5	117.0	13,094	12,114
WIS.....	11.3	2.1	1,153	195	24.8	4.4	2,476	404
MINN.....	111.0	75.0	11,544	7,800	245.0	172.0	25,346	17,791
IOWA.....	138.0	119.0	14,076	12,376	312.0	270.0	31,650	27,778
MO.....	51.5	29.5	5,098	2,980	114.5	69.5	11,209	6,900
N.DAK.....	6.9	10.9	724	1,155	15.7	22.3	1,622	2,352
S.DAK.....	30.0	29.5	3,180	3,127	67.5	68.0	6,968	7,208
NEBR.....	107.0	82.5	11,128	8,745	232.0	191.5	24,003	20,081
KANS.....	25.5	20.0	2,524	2,000	56.5	51.0	5,531	5,069
DEL.-MD....	5.6	4.7	526	442	13.7	10.9	1,271	975
VA.....	.2	.1	17	10	.5	.3	44	27
W.VA.....	.8	.5	76	48	1.6	1.0	150	95
N.C.....	.1	.1	10	10	.2	.1	19	10
S.C.....	.1	--	8	--	.1	.1	8	10
GA.....	.1	--	10	--	.1	--	10	--
FLA.....	--	--	--	--	.1	--	8	--
KY.....	11.6	6.6	1,137	660	28.0	20.7	2,662	2,000
TENN.....	3.7	2.6	337	231	7.0	5.7	631	507
ALA.....	--	.1	--	9	--	.1	--	9
MISS.....	.1	.1	8	10	.1	.1	8	10
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	--	.1	--	8
LA.....	.1	.1	8	8	.2	.2	15	16
OKLA.....	.1	.1	10	10	.2	.1	19	10
TEXAS.....	105.0	80.0	9,975	7,280	226.0	200.0	21,228	18,080
MONT.....	.7	.7	71	68	1.7	1.4	174	138
IDAHO.....	2.5	2.2	282	246	6.2	6.9	682	749
WYO.....	.2	6.9	24	724	.4	15.3	45	1,589
COLO.....	170.0	164.0	18,020	17,384	332.0	357.0	34,706	37,456
N.MEX.....	3.3	3.0	314	306	6.8	6.3	664	629
ARIZ.....	.5	1.0	53	103	.9	1.9	92	193
UTAH.....	21.5	41.0	2,258	4,346	54.0	83.5	5,670	8,936
NEV.....	.5	.4	50	40	1.8	1.0	198	102
WASH.....	10.3	11.5	1,071	1,242	23.0	24.9	2,417	2,649
OREG.....	13.3	11.5	1,357	1,196	31.5	27.4	3,177	2,834
CALIF.....	183.0	173.0	19,947	18,511	411.0	373.0	44,115	40,111
48 STS....	1,323.2		135,254		2,881.9		291,757	
		1,171.0		120,342		2,633.9		268,436

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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVEWEIGHT PER HEAD,  
FEBRUARY 1962 AND 1963 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1962 POUNDS	1963 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1963 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1963 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1963 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	990	980	92	96	236	233	90	89
N.Y.....	1,086	1,073	111	96	222	211	90	91
N.J.....	1,238	1,244	220	186	203	210	101	102
PA.....	1,092	1,098	124	124	222	220	97	97
OHIO.....	1,009	1,001	186	186	226	221	91	89
IND.....	1,030	1,036	211	215	248	239	101	102
ILL.....	1,060	1,074	161	147	251	246	97	102
MICH.....	1,037	1,053	153	169	222	222	103	103
WIS.....	1,097	1,107	120	121	231	231	102	93
MINN.....	1,066	1,081	198	178	238	242	104	104
IOWA.....	1,079	1,087	190	180	244	242	102	104
MO.....	1,029	1,041	264	264	245	249	99	101
N.DAK.....	1,107	1,085	375	--	216	220	105	106
S.DAK.....	1,091	1,087	--	--	248	250	106	106
NEBR.....	1,051	1,051	438	421	247	249	104	106
KANS.....	1,007	1,034	446	466	242	243	99	100
DEL.-MD....	1,087	1,102	152	152	223	209	94	94
VA.....	1,037	1,019	261	264	220	215	85	105
W.VA.....	1,004	1,040	187	184	227	241	95	96
N.C.....	951	929	201	213	226	224	100	100
S.C.....	841	874	322	337	221	209	83	--
GA.....	806	829	476	465	211	205	100	--
FLA.....	893	938	294	313	211	198	--	--
KY.....	900	949	228	216	231	224	98	100
TENN.....	943	939	231	236	229	228	91	89
ALA.....	814	895	474	493	219	219	--	93
MISS.....	846	876	472	481	220	220	75	100
ARK.....	836	846	454	450	235	228	--	--
LA.....	708	823	485	466	205	204	75	85
OKLA.....	865	881	508	523	250	249	100	100
TEXAS.....	904	895	559	564	231	233	95	91
MONT.....	988	1,025	340	331	232	224	102	97
IDAHO.....	1,041	1,050	253	250	217	212	113	112
WYO.....	972	1,019	--	--	231	222	120	105
COLO.....	1,027	1,032	412	462	233	228	106	106
N.MEX.....	911	931	436	466	229	227	95	102
ARIZ.....	890	902	472	458	229	231	106	103
UTAH.....	1,001	1,056	329	359	225	223	105	106
NEV.....	1,032	1,051	480	407	228	227	100	101
WASH.....	1,022	1,023	295	295	224	222	104	108
OREG.....	997	1,015	303	312	226	221	102	104
CALIF.....	1,012	1,028	208	226	234	244	109	107
48 STS.....	1,023	1,032	221	215	236	234	102	103

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HAWAII COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, FEBRUARY 1963

Species	:	Head	:	Average	:	Total
	:	(000)	:	live weight	:	live weight
	:		:	(Pounds)	:	(000 pounds)
Cattle	:	3.6	:	952	:	3,427
Hogs	:	4.5	:	173	:	778

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POULTRY SLAUGHTER UP 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

Production of poultry meat in February was 416 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This was 7 percent above February 1962, but 23 percent below January 1963.

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